

NEWS BRIEFS

Spring fling

An Easter celebration sponsored by the youth center is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Freedom Park. Parents and children are invited to come play games, hunt for Easter Eggs and meet the Easter Bunny. Children should bring their own basket for the Easter Egg hunt. People can volunteer by calling Ext. 2504.

Promotion ceremony

The enlisted promotion ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Columbus Club. There will be a practice for all promotees at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the club. Call Ext. 2291.

Friends of Freedom Park

The annual Freedom Park playground clean-up is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Volunteers are needed to assist in clean-up, painting the rockets, staining fences, spreading mulch and general park pickup. Volunteers don't need to be present all day. Free food and beverages will be provided for all workers. Dress for the day is civilian work clothes and work gloves.

The outdoor recreation office also needs empty coffee cans. These may be dropped off at Bldg. 152, adjacent to the new recycling center.

Volunteers should call the office at Ext. 2505, 2507 or 7858 to sign up.

Wing briefings:

The quarterly wing commander's calls are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. March 29 at the theater. Call Ext. 2611.

Traffic pattern change

Starting Monday Land Road will no longer be closed to traffic. Two-lane traffic entering Columbus AFB will begin after the Land Road intersection. People are asked to use extreme care and watch for merging traffic. The base will continue to operate a two-lane inbound pattern between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., the main gate reverts back to two-way traffic. Call Ext. 7037.

Columbus civilian nabs AETC honors

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

A Columbus AFB team member nailed down another Air Education and Training Command level award.

Mike Smith, chief of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Flight was selected as the Air Force Association's AETC Outstanding Air Force Civilian of the Year.

"Actually it's quite humbling. There are so many outstanding civilians at Columbus and throughout AETC that it is certainly an honor to receive the award," Smith said. "I also appreciate my supervisors and wing leadership for nominating me for such a prestigious award."

"Mike is an excellent manager," said Ron Roberts, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander. "He is very passionate about what he does."

Smith's award is the latest in stream of awards for the environmental flight, including AETC environmental flight of the year.

"Environmental has had its greatest year ever in 2001," He said. "We had an exceptional Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program



Mike Blythe and Alan Roberts, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental flight discuss projects with Air Force Association award winner Mike Smith.

assessment conducted by Headquarters AETC as well as our 10th consecutive year of no environmental enforcement actions from federal or state regulators.

"The greatest accomplishment however, was undergoing the pioneer Environmental Management Review conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Volunteering for the EMR was a considerable risk and the successful completion of the review will enable us to continually improve our environmental program.

"In addition, Headquarters Air Force Installation, Logistics and Environment requested a copy of the EMR final report to

'make policy decisions ... concerning the future of Environmental Management Systems and EMR ... in the future throughout the country.'

Like every successful unit, the environmental flight meets and exceeds its mission through professional leadership.

"I believe in 'participatory leadership,'" Smith commented. "It's not enough to just sit back and expect your folks to do their respective jobs. You have to challenge them to excel, provide the tools they need, reward them when they deserve it and get out of their way because they will do great things."



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Color of nutrition

Staff Sgt. Dan Boyer, Health and Wellness Center NCOIC, spends time with Andrew Alston and Zoe Tice as they color in the Farmer's Market Coloring book sponsored by the HAWC as part of National Nutrition Month. For more information on nutritional programs, see the story on page 3.

Housing office gives premission to relocate abandoned shrubs

In the past several years, the self-help store has been able to provide numerous items such as grass seed, mulch, landscape timbers and plant vouchers to help defray occupant expense in improving the exterior of their quarters. Funding cuts have limited many "nice-to-have" items.

Most families take pride in their homes and enjoy improving the exterior areas, so the housing office has identified a way to obtain free plants and flowers.

There are 108 houses in State and Magnolia Villages that will be eventually demolished to make way for future construction projects. Currently 74 of these units are vacant and this is the perfect time of year for exterior plants, small shrubbery and other landscaping items to be moved.

Residents may take this opportunity to relocate existing landscape items to their own yards in Columbus AFB housing areas.

The area set to be demolished in State Village involves houses on State Loop, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida Avenues, while Magnolia Village has homes on Columbus Circle, Aberdeen Avenue and Hamilton Avenue.

Not all units are vacant. If the current occupant is moving to another house on base, they have the first option to take their plants to their new home.

The Housing Flight will approve the requests on a first-come, first-served basis for the relocation of desired plants and shrubs, but the following guide-

lines must be followed:

- ❑ Prior to moving any plants or shrubs people must contact the Housing Office to get an AF Form 332, Work Request. This package contains guidance and a list of vacant houses.

- ❑ Submit the completed AF Form 332 to Housing for permission to transplant specific item(s), with the address where they are located and the address to which they will be moved. Member must also include a drawing/sketch as to where the item(s) will be planted.

- ❑ Unit must be vacant before item(s) can be removed.

- ❑ Requestor may be required to obtain a digging permit and must agree to fill in holes/clean up debris in the original yard.

- ❑ Residents may request plants, flowers, small shrubbery and landscape items.

- ❑ People in the new units will only be approved to replant in the flower beds created by the contractor.

- ❑ Property may not be removed until the housing office has provided written permission.

Some units also have patio covers. The self-help (Pride Store) maintains the patio cover list and monitors the relocation and installation at the approved address. Call Ext. 7357 to get on the waiting list for patio covers.

For more information call the housing flight at Ext. 2840.

(Courtesy of the military housing flight)

MUW hosts women's workshop

Second Lt. Amy Hansen
Public Affairs

The Mississippi University for Women is holding the Twenty-first Annual Women's Managerial Development Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hogarth Student Center Auditorium.

The program, called The American Woman: Mind, Body, and Spirit, emphasizes competence, leadership, motivation and strategies for professional success.

According to Patricia Brock, MUW Continuing Education Director, working women between the ages of 20 and 60 will benefit from this event.

"People should come because of the networking opportunity and the ability to learn from presenters. It's an outstanding way to meet other professional women in our community."

The event coincides this year with Women's History Month, a time for celebrating the past accomplishments of women and recognizing the potential for women of this generation.

"People from Columbus AFB would benefit from attending this workshop," said Pamela Warnken, 14 Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Chief. "We have to remember that civilian or military, we are role models; it doesn't end at our fence line."

Event registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with a welcome by Brock at nine. The seminar continues

with an opinion panel featuring Dr. Bridget Pieschel, the MUW Humanities division head. According to Brock, the panelists will answer questions about the experiences and influences that have led to their success.

From 10:45 to 11:40 a.m., participants will have the opportunity to attend sessions with prominent female community members, including Warnken, who will be speaking about opportunities in the federal government, assisted by Debbie Warner, Columbus AFB Human Resource director.

Other presenters include Beth Jeffers of the Fitness Factory, Pastor Susan Springer of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Tupelo, Denise Sibley from MUW, Carol Sumerall from the Columbus Fire Department, and Terry Songer of the Columbus Police Department. These women will speak about topics relating to womanhood, including physical fitness and nurturing the spirit.

The luncheon speaker is Major Brynn Morgan, 14th FTW Judge Advocate General, who will talk about the importance of mentoring.

"Mentoring is about not forgetting the lessons from people who have come before us," said Morgan. "It's about making sure younger women can learn from what [older women] have accomplished."

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for professionals and \$10 for students, including lunch. For additional information, contact Brenda Dale Ext. 2716 or the MUW Continuing Education Department at 329-7137.



Air Force announces OTS selections

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force is giving 102 enlisted people the chance to trade in their stripes for gold bars after being chosen to attend Officer Training School.

Air Force Recruiting Service headquarters officials conducted OTS Selection Board 0204, which met here March 5 to 7. The board considered 585 total applications, selecting 274 for a 47 percent selection rate.

OTS is only one of the avenues the service uses to commission new officers. The Air Force will also send more than 1,000 young men and women to the academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and award more than \$60 million in ROTC scholarships. The Air Force also needs qualified officers, including doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and engineers.

As part of the selection process, board members review both objective and subjective factors. Objectively, the board considers each applicant's academic discipline, grade point average, and Air Force Officer Qualifying Test scores. Subjectively, board members evaluate work experience, accomplishments, adaptability, character, leadership ability, potential for future growth and other recommendations. For active-duty enlisted people, performance reports and commander's recommendations are also evaluated.

The average grade point average for those selected is 3.21. The average AFOQT score in the area of pilot is 57.3; for navigator, 55.6; for academic aptitude, 58.2; for verbal, 56.4; and for quantitative, 52.3. Individuals selected for OTS can expect class assignment information about eight weeks after their physical is certified for commissioning. The OTS boards meet about every six weeks at Air Force Recruiting Service headquarters.

For more information concerning OTS active-duty people should contact their local education services office. Civilians should contact an Air Force recruiter.

A full listing of people selected for OTS is available on the AFRS Web site. *(Courtesy of AFPN)*

CSAF survey team analyzing responses

SAN ANTONIO — With the collection phase over, the Air Force Chief of Staff Organizational Climate Survey team will now turn information into action by studying millions of pieces of data over the next few months.

More than 58 percent of the Air Force's active-duty airmen and civilians responded to the survey, which ran Jan. 22 to March 8. Similar organizational climate surveys were conducted in 1997 and 1999.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, said the survey is a "critical tool" that helps improve mission effectiveness because it gives "leaders at all levels in your chain of command valuable information."

The results, which give an overall picture of the Air Force, will go to Jumper in May, survey officials said. Meanwhile, the team at the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency will produce thousands of unit-level reports. The results of analyses will be made available in mid-May through Web-based reports that protect the anonymity of the participants.

This year's survey covered the following areas: resources, jobs, supervision, leadership, training and development, teamwork, recognition, participation/involvement, unit flexibility, unit outcomes and job enhancement. A new addition to this year's survey was competitive sourcing.

"The survey is a great tool for senior leaders at all levels to make positive changes within their organizations," said Lori Marcum, survey team leader. *(Courtesy of AFPN)*

HAWC programs help people eat right for life

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

The Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring several programs during National Nutrition Month aimed at teaching healthy eating habits.

Children and adults are getting opportunities to learn about eating healthy through classes and contests.

“Eating is a part of everyone’s lives, but does everyone think about what they’re eating?,” said Staff Sgt. Dan Boyer, HAWC NCOIC. “Part of the health and wellness center’s goals for national nutrition month is to get people to think about what they’re eating. Eating healthy is a way of life.”

One of the programs the HAWC is sponsoring for base youth is the Farmer’s Market Coloring Book Contest. The children color the book filled with examples of healthy foods and at the end of the week submit them to the HAWC for prizes.

“While they’re coloring that carrot or tomato they’re thinking about nutrition and healthy food,” Boyer said. “So we’re indirectly reaching the youth. The book is teaching them about the right kinds of foods, so that when the children go through the lunch line, maybe they’ll get fruits and vegetables as opposed to burgers and fries.”

“A lot of these kids just want to eat chocolate and snacks,” said Linda Norman, Youth Center school-age counselor. “This program reinforces what they learn in school about nutrition.”

“Reaching children is important so that they can make healthy nutrition choices throughout their lives,” Boyer said.

Adults can take advantage of one of the many nutrition classes offered by the HAWC such as general nutrition, healthy heart and sports nutrition.

“Diets don’t work,” Boyer said. “The reason for this is a diet is a quick fix to a long term problem.”

In these classes people learn about weight management through nutrition.

“People don’t just wake up one day overweight,” Boyer said. “It is a process over time. Scientifically 3,500 calories equals one pound of weight. Let’s say that based on your weight, height and level of activity, you need to eat 2,500 calories a day to maintain your current weight. And you eat 3,000 calories a day, that’s 500 more calories than you need a day. That means in seven days you would gain one pound, in a month you would gain four pounds. If you continued eating at the rate of 500 more maintenance calories than you need, in a year you would gain 52 pounds.

“So, just as weight gain is a process over time, weight loss should also be a process over time. It can be achieved by looking at everything you eat and changing to life-long healthy eating habits.”

“Data shows that there is a startling increase in the percentage of adults and children classified as overweight or obese,” said Capt. Thomas Wilkins Health and Wellness Element chief. “Addressing a ‘theme’ of nutrition throughout the month and having related activities is an attempt at raising awareness of lifestyle choices that may contribute to preventing diseases.”

To learn more about healthy eating habits, stop by the HAWC or call Ext. 2477.



Courtesy photo

CBS cameraman Leon Melas films a two-ship of Tyndall Air Force Base F-15 Eagles as they fly overhead.

CBS airs fighter pilot series

Staff Sgt. Dan Neely
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — After nearly two years of serving as a filming location, the Tyndall Air Force Base mission is about to fly with full afterburners into the living rooms of millions of television viewers across America.

CBS recently signed on for at least eight one-hour episodes of the reality-based series “American Fighter Pilot.” The series follows the on- and off-duty lives of three Tyndall students as they train to become F-15 pilots. The first episode airs March 29 at 7 p.m. (CST) on the CBS Television Network.

Each week, viewers will be invited into the world of the F-15 pilot community as CBS documents the professional and personal challenges F-15 pilot students face during an intense 110 days of training. The series features in-depth interviews with student pilots, instructor pilots — called IPs — and academic instructors who trained the student pilots.

Ironically, “Top Gun” director Tony Scott and Ridley Scott of “Black Hawk Down” are among the executive producers. Documentary filmmaker Jesse Negron and Brian Gadinski, the first producer of the series “America’s Most Wanted,” are executive producers on the project.

Fully supported by the Air Force, Air Education and Training Command and the 325th Fighter Wing, Negron spent 18 months at Tyndall, shadowing the aspiring fighter pilots around the clock. To get the necessary aerial footage, Negron and his production crews were granted access to film from the back seat of numerous Tyndall F-15s and affixed cameras to others to capture hours of aerial combat training sessions.

The filming didn’t end there, however. In addition to from-the-cockpit shooting, the aspiring Eagle pilots were followed everywhere from their homes and churches to local businesses in a maximum effort to get inside the training, culture and lifestyles of fighter pilots.

“I believe the Air Force is in uncharted territory when it comes to ‘American Fighter Pilot,’” said Lt. Col. David Freaney, 1st Fighter Squadron commander. The colonel was operations officer at Tyndall’s 95th Fighter Squadron when the three Air Force officers were students in the F-15 basic course.

“The timing is perfect. Take a little patriotic spirit, combine that with the rise of reality TV, and throw in some of the best flying scenes that have ever been documented, and you have a can’t-lose formula for success,” the colonel said.

To date, producers have shot hundreds of hours of interviews and background footage at and around Tyndall.

Just as it takes many people to get an aircraft airborne, none of the filming would have succeeded without the labors of hundreds of Air Force members, military and civilian, who had a hand in the filming project. IPs, crew chiefs, schedulers, life support teams, firefighters, security forces, airfield management, maintainers and many others provided countless hours of active support over the 18-month project to help film crews get the best shots. Additionally, civilian contractors at Tyndall were instrumental.

“It took a tremendous amount of teamwork across the Air Force to make this happen,” said Capt. Chris Karns, 325th Fighter Wing chief of public affairs. “Many critical components to the storyline needed to be fleshed out. We received tremendous support from across the Air Force to locate all the key players and complete critical phases of the project on time.”

Mentorship gives everyone chance for growth

Chief Master Sgt. Bill McNew
10th Air Base Wing superintendent

There’s no question, I would not be a chief today if it weren’t for my first mentor in the Air Force. The year was 1986. I was stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz.

I was a young technical sergeant without a plan — somewhat stagnant — and not really concerned with where I’d be in five, 10, or 15 years. The group superintendent, a chief, took an interest in me and gave me direction.

He stressed the importance of professional military education and obtained a short-notice slot at the Military Airlift Command NCO Academy for me. He stressed the importance of continuing my off-duty education and obtaining a bachelor’s degree. Finally, he told me what it would take for me to continuously get promoted. His guidance changed my life forever — the true value of mentorship!

I have always felt that mentorship is not a program, it’s a responsibility. Since the inception of the Air Force in September 1947, people have helped others become

STRAIGHT TALK LINE



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Staff Sgt. Cory Santos, 14 Medical Group Clinic Laboratory assistant NCOIC, explains the operation of a Coulter automated hematology machine to Col. Tom Quelly, 14 Flying Training Wing commander. The 14th MDG provides full-service laboratory support to both military and civilian TRICARE providers. Eligible beneficiaries requiring lab work for a downtown provider can often save the government money by being tested on base.

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Airmen 1st Class Aaron Crenshaw and Crista Sanders and Senior Airman Dan Swindle, 14th Mission Support Squadron, spend quality time with Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Wardlaw.

successful through mentorship.

Most supervisors have heard the term mentorship or maybe they think they’ve been doing it all along as part of their good supervision. Ask any airman if he or she has a mentor. You may be surprised by the answer.

Take a moment and think of individuals who have helped you achieve success. Who was the one person you would go to

when you had questions concerning promotion, off-duty education, upgrade training, professional military education, assignment possibilities, or whether you should stay in the Air Force?

Mentoring is necessary to ensure those who eventually assume leadership roles have the skills needed to successfully complete the mission. Mentorship and supervision are ideal when used together.

The combination provides an opportunity to make positive differences, enhance relationships, and accomplish mission goals and objectives. A mentor should help establish goals and be there to help the mentored achieve those goals, identify the individual’s strengths, weaknesses, likes and dislikes. A mentor helps capitalize on strengths and improve weak areas.

To be a mentor, set an example for others to follow. In doing so, you earn respect and trust. Next, make yourself available. Be visible. Once you’ve established a relationship and begun mentoring, ask yourself from time to time if you are guiding, helping, and preparing the person you’re mentoring for the future.

Mentorship is a responsibility. However, mentors become better communicators, gain valued interpersonal experience, enhance working relationships and achieve mission objectives in the process. They also help to foster a great working environment, motivate employees, and create relationships where communication is open and honest.

The very essence of mentoring is to make a difference in the lives of others.

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058.

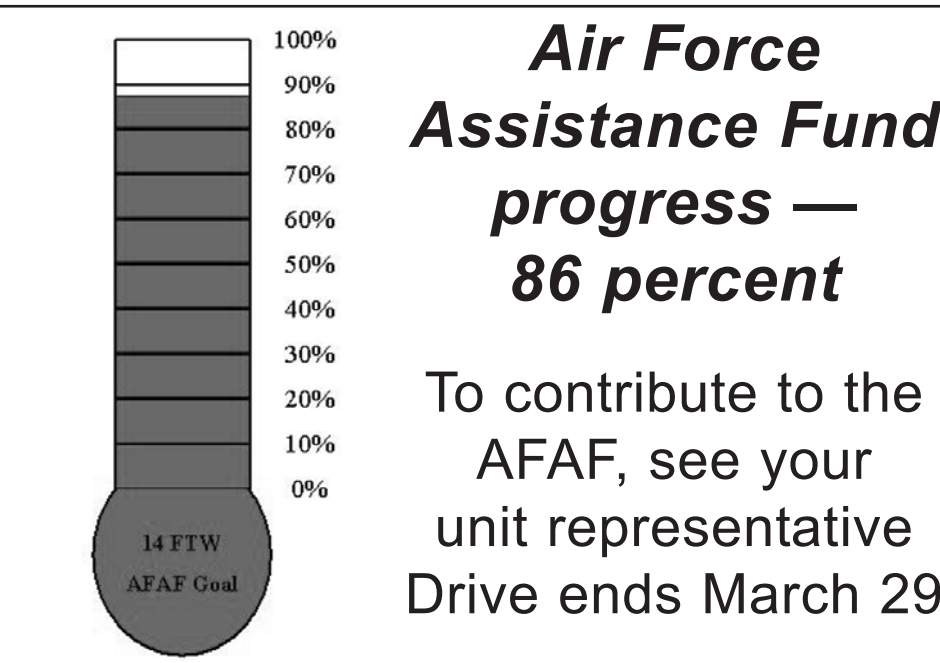
Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Key phone numbers

Base Exchange.....	434-6013
Chaplain.....	434-2500
Civil Engineer Service Desk.....	434-2856
Civilian Personnel.....	434-2635
Clinic:	
Family Practice.....	434-2172
Appointment Desk.....	434-2273
After Hours Care.....	434-2273
Columbus Club.....	434-2489
Commissary.....	434-7106
Finance.....	434-2706
Housing Maintenance.....	434-7270
Inspector General.....	434-2927
Legal Office.....	434-7030
Military Equal Opportunity.....	434-2591
Security Forces.....	434-7129
Shoppette.....	434-6026



Tuskegee airman’s life filled with important firsts

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

During the course of a military career few people can say they have witnessed as many important firsts as retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter.

Now in his 80s, Carter can trace his first steps in flight from an airfield in Alabama to his retirement 25 years later. He flew combat missions against the Axis Powers in North Africa, the Mediterranean, and Southern Europe as an original member of the 99th fighter squadron during World War II. Carter witnessed the birth of a new service, and desegregation of the military. He earned the Air Medal with four oak-leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal among others.

“I started my Air Force career in

January 1942 in the Army Air Corps,” Carter said. “I graduated flight training in July ‘42, but my unit, the 99th, did not deploy until April of 1943. We landed in Cassablanca, North Africa. We were flying P-40s at that time. From there we moved to Sicily. We were doing close tactical ground support in conjunction with the allied armies. Then it was on to Italy.”

The exploits of the 332nd Fighter Group and its subordinate units, the 99th, 100th, 301st, and 302nd Fighter squadrons in Italy were legendary. Their accomplishments ranged from flying one of the longest bomber escort missions in World War II, to never losing a bomber under their protection to enemy aircraft, to being one of the first units to engage the Messerschmitt 262, the first jet powered aircraft used in combat.

Carter flew 77 combat missions before

the end of the war in 1945.

He continued his career in the military after the war and became a part of the U.S. Air Force in 1947.

But for Carter, more important than the medals and the combat record, is the legacy of an excellent reputation through their professionalism and dedication to their country that he and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen helped create. This led to quick Air Force compliance when segregation reforms were introduced in the military.

“In 1948, President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981 that ended segregated units in the military,” Carter commented. “The Air Force was the first service to break lock-step with segregation. In 1949 all of the Air Force units had been integrated and the 332nd FG had been deactivated. Those of us who were in the 332nd were reassigned throughout the Air Force. Whereas in the Army and Navy, it was only during 1951 that they began to integrate their service. The Air Force took the lead in integrating to comply with the executive order.”

Since his retirement, Carter and other Tuskegee Airmen have not lost their passion for the Air Force.

They spend time in schools talking to potential African-American recruits and explaining the benefits of a career in the military.

“For them (minorities) it’s one of the



Illustration by Bob Goode

P-47 Thunderbolt

areas where opportunity is unlimited in addition to the pleasure and satisfaction that they get or will get from serving their country,” Carter said. “It is the personal benefits that the military offers in terms of promotion and, in terms of opportunity for continued education. This allows for personal development of leadership that they would not normally find in the world of corporate work.

“In the Air Force it doesn’t matter what your gender or what your race is. What matters is your individual performance, and you are rewarded accordingly. Therefore every Air force member has the potential to become a general officer or a professional aviator or a professional in one of the many career fields that they can get experience and training in. I don’t know of any other activity in industry that offers this to its people.”

Carter and more than 900 other African-American pilots blazed a trail through uncharted territory and laid the foundation for African-Americans and other minorities to find a place where advancement was and is based on one’s ability — not the color of a person’s skin.

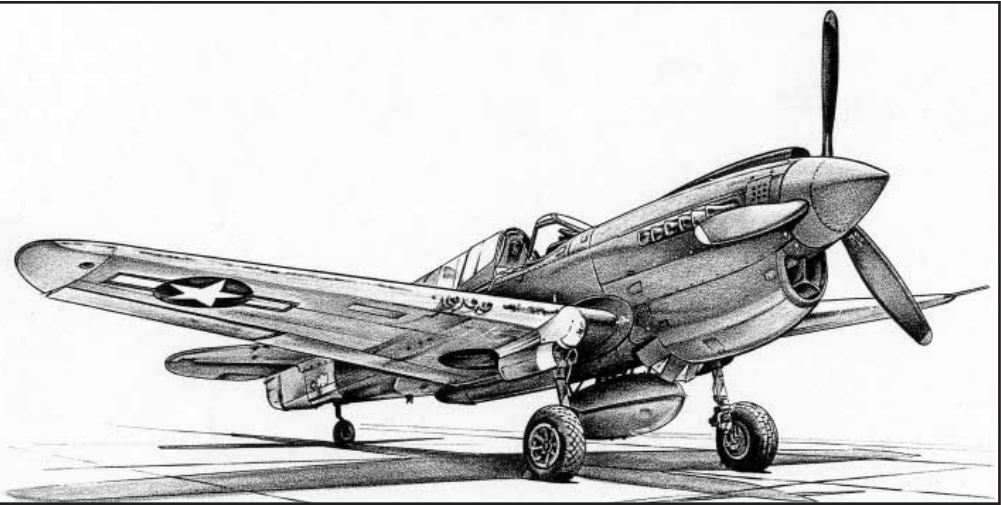


Illustration by Bob Engle

P-40 Warhawk

Check with Services for things to do

Bingo: The enlisted lounge offers Bar bingo at 5:30 p.m. Fridays. There are two \$25 regular games, two \$50 regular games and a \$500 progressive jacpot with a consolation prize of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in 57 numbers or less. The enlisted lounge opens at 5 p.m. A services card is required to play. Call Ext. 2489.

Enlisted lounge entertainment: Disc jockey Kool Kleve entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today. Call Ext. 2489.

German buffet: The Columbus Club's Tuesday night buffet features German cuisine from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$7.95 for club members and \$10.95 for non-members. Call Ext. 2489.

Spring Fling and egg hunt: This annual program is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday at Freedom Park. There will be egg hunts for five different age groups and games for all ages. Ages 1 to 2 will hunt at 9 a.m. on Field One, ages 3 to 5 will hunt at 9:30 a.m. on field 2, ages 6 to 8 will hunt at 10 a.m. on Field One and at 11:30 a.m. ages 9 to 10 will hunt on Field One and ages 11 and older will hunt on field 2.

A martial arts demonstration and a dance demonstration will be at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively.

Special guests will be Sparky, McGruff and the Easter Bunny. Game booths include a duck pond, fishing pond, coke bottle ring toss, golf putt, bean bag throw, etc. Call Ext. 2504.

Need an oil change? The auto skills center now offers a oil/filter and lube change plus a full road inspection for just \$17.95 on most vehicles. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

Professional basketball game: The Memphis Grizzlies play the Sacramento Kings at 7 p.m. April 2 in Memphis, Tenn. Cost is \$60 and includes transportation and ticket to the game. Bus departs at noon. Call the Information, Ticket and Travel office at Ext. 7858 for reservations.

Chess players wanted: The Air Force is seeking active duty military U.S. Chess Federation registered chess players.

Players can advance thru several stages of competition to become a member of the six-person Air Force chess team with possible selection to represent the United States at the NATO chess tournament. The Columbus AFB qualifying tournament will be held at 9 a.m. April 27 at the community center if there are enough interested applicants. Register by April 4 by calling Ext. 2802 or Ext. 2316. Rated applicants must supply their USCF member number.

Joints in Motion Marathon: The National Arthritis Foundation will conduct an

information meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Fitness Center. The Joints in Motion Marathon is scheduled for Oct. 20 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and Oct. 29 in Dublin, Ireland. For more information, call 1-800-844-8400 or call Dawn Wilbourne at 662-494-0498.

Patty LaBelle Concert: Register at the ITT office for this concert April 6 at the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss. Cost is \$65 and includes transportation, ticket to concert and \$10 in coins. Register by March 30. Concert time is 8 p.m Call Ext. 7858.

Paperback book exchange: The base library has an abundance of paperbacks. Bring in one paperback and take three home during

our spring cleaning starting Monday until April 5.

National craft month: Check out the display of craft samples provided by the skills development center at the base library Monday until March 31. Get some ideas on crafts and check out one or more of our craft books. Call Ext. 2934.

Birmingham mall trip: Young people in grades seven to 12 are invited to take this trip to the Birmingham mall March 30. Cost is \$3 for youth center members and \$5 for nonmembers. Register by Wednesday at the youth center. Must have at least eight registered to offer. Call Ext. 2504.

Air Force teen aviation camp: High school students who expect to graduate in 2004 or 2005 may apply for the Air Force teen aviation camp June 1 to 7 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

This program is for eligible youth program users who are interested in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career. Travel cost will be the student's responsibility. All lodging, meals, and activity fees are free for the student.

Interested teens should complete a Teen Aviation Camp Application Form and the Academy Familiarization Exam. Once completed, they should return the application and exam to the youth center and schedule an interview with the youth director. Packages must be received by March 29. The camp includes a ropes challenge course, orienteering course, T-37 simulator presentation and individual aero club flights. Stop by the center for the application package or call Ext. 2504.

Car detailing: Let Mo clean your vehicle. Prices range from \$10 to \$25 depending on what you want done. Call Ext. 7842 for appointment.

AT THE CHAPEL

Holy Week Schedule
Palm Sunday
Catholic Mass 8:30 a.m.
Protestant Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Protestant Worship 10:45 a.m.
Catholic Mass 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Video Bible study supper 5:30 p.m.
Living Last Supper Drama and Communion 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday
Lunch Bible study 11:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass and Vigil 8 to 11 p.m.

March 29, Good Friday
Catholic Mass 3 p.m.

March 30
Easter Vigil 8 p.m.

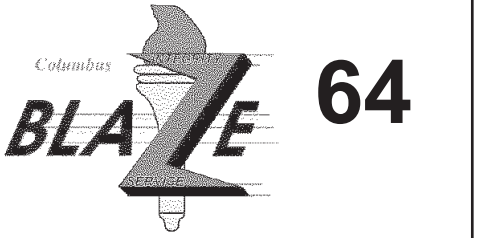
March 31, Easter Sunday
Catholic Mass 9 a.m.
Protestent Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Protestant Worship 10:45 a.m.
No Sunday evening mass on Easter Sunday only

NOTE: New Sunday Morning Mass time is 0900 every Sunday following Easter.

For Islamic, Jewish or Orthodox services, or other chapel programs, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are cancelled due to lack of projectionist



BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Base agencies may submit PowerPoint slide announcements for display on Channel 64. Slides must have a once-inch border and text must be at least 30 point. Tasteful photo and clip-art is permissible.

Call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford for more information at Ext. 7073.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Parenting Lunchtime videos: Monday is the last day to sign up for the Parents on Board video series offered at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The series gives parents tips on helping children succeed in life.

New or expecting parents: The bundles of joy program is offered at 2 p.m. Monday.

This program features information for active-duty people or spouses who are pregnant and people with children ages 4 months and younger.

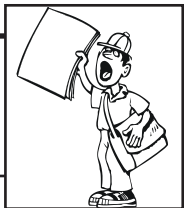
Required briefing: A required briefing for deploying people or people going on a remote tour is at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Drug Education For Youth 2002: The DEFY program is looking for volunteers for the new program beginning in June. For more information, call Leona Chouinard.

Deployed assistance: Families of deployed people are encouraged to call

the family support center to find out what services they have to offer.

BASE NOTES



Spouses social: The officers' spouses club is having a social at 6:30 p.m. April 9 at the Columbus Club. This month the OSC will be awarding the 2000/2001 scholarships.

The menu includes chef's salad for \$8 or sliced rosemary pork loin with garlic and mashed potatoes for \$10. Non-Columbus Club members must pay a \$3 surcharge. For reservations, call Kim Jenkins by April 2 at 434-8444.

Enlisted Dining Out: The Enlisted ining Out is at 6 p.m. April 12. Meal is beef medallions or chicken Ponchatrain and the event is \$16 for Senior NCOs, \$12 for NCOs and \$8 for airmen non-clubmembers must pay a \$2 surcharge. See unit first sergeants for seat reservations.

Relay for Life Challenge: The American Society of Military Comptrollers is the only base agency participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The comptrollers are challenging any other base agencies to support the ACS.

SPORTS

SHORTS

Golf memberships due

Annual membership begins April 1 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Membership includes unlimited greens fees, free Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) handicaps and discounts on tournaments throughout the year.

For those individuals who would like to be included in the GHIN handicapping system, please register by April 1 at the golf pro shop. Cost is \$24 per year.

Golf locker rentals at Whispering Pines Golf Course are also due April 1. Cost is \$42 per year. Call Ext. 7932.

Soccer registration

British soccer camp registration begins April 1 and ends July 22. The cost for children who register by May 28 is \$81. After that, registration is \$86. The program is open to children ages 5 and older. Camp is from July 22 to 26, from 8-11 a.m. for 5-10 year olds, and 5-8 p.m. for ages 11 and older. Call Ext. 2504.

Sunday family bowling

Bring the family to the bowling center

for family day bowling from 1-9 p.m. Sundays. Bowling is \$1.25 per game and shoes are free.

Tennis anyone?

Season begins April 8. Contact your squadron sports representative for details.

All-star week

The Fitness Center is planning a week filled with basketball April 8-11. The hoop fest, free throw, three-point shootout and hot shot competitions are April 9. The intramural all-star basketball game is April 10; the exhibition basketball game with the Columbus AFB all-stars playing the Aberdeen Express is April 11. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scrambles at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin April 11 at 4:45 p.m. Sign up by 4 p.m. each Thursday. A computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per person plus greens fees for nonmembers. A fun scramble for all levels of expertise.

The 2002 relay begins at the Joe Cook Soccer Field in Columbus on at 6 p.m. April 26 and ends midnight. Teams of 10-20 people walk or run laps for 6-hours (each team is required to have at least one person on the track at all times). They compete for the most money raised, most distance covered and the most creative costumes.

Any organization wishing to enter a team should call 2nd Lt. Noel Torres at Ext. 2654.

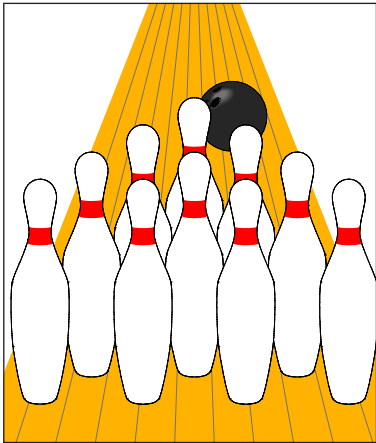
AROUND TOWN



Great American Cleanup: Volunteers are needed to help clean up Columbus and Lowndes County areas. Cleaning will be Saturday in Columbus, April 6 in Crawford, April 13 in Atesia, April 20 in Caledonia and April 27 in New Hope. People who would like to help should call 328-4491.

Gospel concert: The Tenn-Tom Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a gospel concert at 7:30 p.m. March 29 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus.

The concert features the McAdams Quartet, the Chuck Wagon Gang and Ronnie Page. Admission is free for ages 11 and younger, or \$10 for ages 12 and older. Call 329-1717.



Bowling standings

The following are the intramural bowling standings current as of Wednesday. For more information, call Jim Campbell at Ext. 2426.

Team	Wins	Losses
Stroken	148	36
14th SFSI	111	73
14th SVS	108	76
Retirees	105	79
14th MSS	98	86
Team 7	62	122
14th SVS2	60	128



Going Out of the Balloon Business

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\$1.50

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Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers

Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Fried Catfish	Fried Chicken	Liver and Onions
Shrimp Fried Rice	Cubed Steak	Baked Ham
Cherry Cobbler	Banana Pudding	Apple Cobbler

Wednesday	Thursday
Lasagna	Roast Beef
Sausage and Peppers	Chicken Pot Pie
Peach Cobbler	Apple Dumplings



Join the Home Run Bowling League Starting in April

Adult, Youth or Youth/Adult

Two Game-Format for 12 Weeks

Receive a Major League Baseball Team Bowling Ball at League's End - a \$160 retail value.

Call Ext. 2426 For Info